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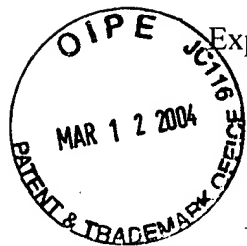
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Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312

Dear Examiner George:

Applicant is submitting this amendment to correct typographical errors in Example 1 on page 11. The word "were" has been changed to "are" to maintain the consistency of the present tense used in the example. Additionally, "66 weight percent" was indented to read as "56 weight percent." As is obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, there cannot be over 100 weight percent of different groups.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully request that the specification be amended as follows:

On exemplary composition that produces the drug release morphology of Figure 3c includes an EVAL polymer with ~~66~~ 56 weight percent ethylene groups, 43.32 weight percent vinyl alcohol functionalities and 0.68 weight percent vinyl ether groups. The weight percent refers to the percent of the total drug release system weight. The vinyl



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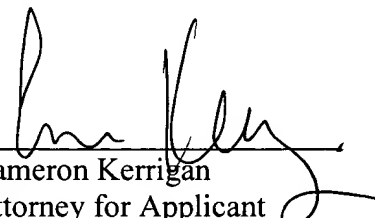
ether groups ~~were~~ are functionalized with PEO-isocyanate, which forms a urethane linkage, using groups that have a molecular weight of a side group of 3200 g/mol. The side groups comprise 33 weight percent of the total EVAL/PEO polymer. The composition of the PEO-isocyanate blend is 75 weight percent functionalized EVAL and 25 weight percent drug. This composition gives rise to a 50 weight percent hard, bulk phase and a 50 percent drug/PEO side chain phase. The final structure is a lamellar structure.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0323.

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